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PSL TOP FOUR OFF

SYDNEY CITY

Over the years—certainly since the start of the PSL—fans have got used to the idea that one of the pace-setters is Hakoah, now known as Sydney City.

Their results have been consistently good, their placings always high.

However, this season they seem to have had a few problems and there are signs that the team is in need of a minor reshuffle.

Since the dropping of Terry Smith—a controversial issue within the club—the team has found it hard to get goals; neither Silva nor Watson is really a deadly finisher while Campbell is not playing as much up front now as he did a few seasons ago.

At the back, they have a number of well performed players: the talented but unpredictable and at times trouble-prone Mullen, the fast but often risky O'Connor and then two youngsters, Ker-shaw and Bruce. They could have done with the presence of their long injured stopper, Eddie Thomson this year.

Few will argue that Sydney City will enter the series as favorites; on the other hand, even fewer will dispute that they are capable of beating any of the other three teams on their day.

Coach: Gerry Chaldi.

BRISBANE CITY

Stone motherless last in 1978; a very good fourth in 1979—Brisbane City have certainly risen from the near-dead in less than 12 months.

In many ways, their high placing has surprised critics who have felt that other teams—such as the more elegant Adelaide City, perhaps the faster Newcastle—would beat them to a Top Four spot.

But Brisbane City this year proved what a disciplined, motivated side can achieve if the players are fit and prepared to battle through 26 rounds.

Their defence, led by George Potter, is incredibly hard and combative, any striker's nightmare.

In midfield they have Coyne and the now recovered Echeverria directing operations, with the help of the extremely mobile Low who also manages to get among the goals regularly.

Campbell and Kelso, two tall, dangerous strikers are hard to mark out of a game and often create the most sudden and deadly chances in the goalmouth.

Brisbane City play a simple, uncomplicated game, without frills and adornment but well within the capability of their players.

Coach: Nereo Saffich.



TO HOT START

The championship trophy is resting in Marconi's board-room, the Philips Cup is being admired in Adelaide City's smart clubhouse.

What remains now is the Philips League Top Four, played over the next five weekends.

The very first week of the initial round-robin series will bring together the two pronounced favorites, in Marconi and Heidelberg, at Marconi Stadium.

Marconi appear to have a massive "Heidelberg complex" and this, if continued, could prove fatal to the home team.

Having at last tasted success, Marconi would dearly like to add the Top Four title to their 1979 collection but for that they must get past the wily, experienced and often brilliant Heidelberg.

Meanwhile in Brisbane, in the battle of the two Cities, Sydney could keep up their impressive away record and return with at least one valuable point.

Brisbane City, having come so far, will put up their customary fight.

But the classier Sydney City, unless they strike one of their horror days, may be too smooth and too skilled for the hosts.

The cream of Australia's soccer will be on view in the two matches: former and current Socceroos are teeming in the teams.

With the big Cosmos match and then the Asian tour coming up shortly, this will be the last chance for players to impress national team coach Rudi Gutendorf, just back from Europe.

• Full preview and Philips Cup details on page 3.



• Ian Souness



• Steve Perry

HEIDELBERG

Sometimes it is difficult in soccer to analyse, let alone find those rare ingredients which, when blended in the right doses, add up to a successful formula.

But Heidelberg seems to have found just that.

Heidelberg gave extremely impressive displays on their recent Sydney visits, against St. George and Sydney City, creating the impression that they could be the team to beat in the Top Four.

Veterans such as Tansey, Rooney, McMillan and Buljevic are in their second or even third bloom; is there in the PSL a more valuable, 100 percent effort man than Jimmy Rooney, darting around the pitch with the eagerness of an excited kelpie?

Then they have, in Banovic and Yzendoorn, two of the most promising young talents in soccer; Yzendoorn is already being hailed as a regular Socceroo of the future.

The Heidelberg attack is orchestrated by the brilliant and deadly tandem of Cole and Paton; what a marvellous purchase he has proved to be from Wilhelmina.

The unsung midfield heroes, Taylor and Campbell as well as the polished and, unpredictable Buljevic are integral parts of this smooth machine.

Coach: Manny Poulakakis.

MARCONI

It might have taken them years of plotting and planning but finally Marconi have annexed their first championship title.

By their own admission, this year's effort has cost them close to \$300,000, making one wonder how some of the hopeful PSL candidates for 1980 would ever hope to find that sort of money.

The secret of Marconi this year was their finely tuned balance and the presence of key men in all departments.

In fact, they hardly have any weakness at all.

Still, more than anything else, champion Marconi's pulsating, rapier-like style is characterised by their Terrible Trio of Jankovics, Krncevic and Sharne, all locally born sons of migrants from Hungary, Yugoslavia and Poland.

When these three get into the swing of events, at about 100 miles an hour, even the most composed and best organised defences can crumble.

Behind them they have a midfield pair of class: the thoughtful, highly articulate Vieri, an ex-Italian B-international and Byrne, one of the best winners of the ball in Australian soccer.

From them the front runners get enough logistic support to break through.

Coach: Les Scheinflug.



• Jim Tansey



• John Russell



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Dee Why (2nd div) held their presentation last Saturday week in the Peninsula Room of the Manly Hotel with 250 people attending. Awards made were: Federation Player of the Year to Brian Stocks, Clubman of the Year to Hughie Hendry, Federation Team Man to Ian Strudwick and Most Improved 3rd grade under 18 to Andy Paton. The raffle for a portable coloured TV set was won by John Coulter. The club visited New Zealand during August for four days to play Shamrock Club of Christchurch. Last Sunday, the Seatoun club from Christchurch made a return trip to Dee Why Oval for matches and a thoroughly enjoyable social. Another New Zealand Club, Wolston from Wellington arrive in Sydney on October 27, and are negotiating for matches against Newcastle KB for the following Wednesday or Thursday. Wolston will then play Dee Why at Cromer Park on Saturday, November 3.

Bathurst '75 (2nd div) will be holding their presentation evening on October 19. Captain coach, Joe Judge will be holidaying in Scotland shortly visiting his parents. He will also have a few training runs with his old club, Queens Park and pick up a few pointers for next season in 1st Division. Bathurst are looking for their own ground. At present they have the legal minds in Sydney working out details for the club to become a limited company.

Liverpool United (6th div) will be conducting the City of Liverpool Cup for the sixth year. The cup, donated by the Liverpool Council in 1973 was won by Cabravale, in '74 by Bonnyrigg Eagles, in '75 by King Tomislav, in '77 by Fairfield West and in '78 by Prospect County. Sixteen teams will be competing in October on Tuesdays and Thursdays at a 6pm kick off, over three weeks. The club will be holding its annual presentation night at the Auburn Soccer Club on Saturday, October 6.

North Rocks (4th div) had two days away to Gosford recently. First and reserve grade played Gosford Rangers from the Newcastle League with reserve grade winning 5-1 and first grade, minus their regular goalkeeper, were defeated 1-5. Stand-in 'keeper, David Hunt, did an admirable job under the circumstances. Guest player, Eddy Wareing from Pehr-an ex-North Rocks player acquitted himself well on the field.

The Bloomfield Cup (Orange Cup) was played for the 10th consecutive year. Teams competing were Blacktown Spartans, Woodville Shamrocks, Fairfield RSL (holders), West Pymble, Rozelle United, Canterbury PB1, Canberra North, Georges River, Australian Postal Institute, Petersham Miran, Bathurst '75. Bathurst '75 took out the honors this year fielding six under-18 players, scoring 23 goals for and 1 against in 7 matches. In the semifinals against Canberra North, Bathurst won 2-0 and in the final match played Georges River for a 3-1 victory. This win gave a western NSW side the trophy for the first time since 1972.

South Bankstown YMCA have started their Indoor Soccer Competition with 56 senior teams on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday nights. It is a spectacular sport and is ideal for teams to keep in shape during the off-season. The matches are played nine minutes each way with no offside.

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COACHES NOW ALL TOGETHER

It's not only Henry Kissinger who can perform such tricks: peace has broken out among the warring factions of the NSW coaches.

It seems that the old feuds have been buried and the organisation is running smoothly.

For years, the NSW Branch of the Australian Soccer Coaches' Federation and Eric Worthington's national body had a cool if not hostile relationship.

Some four weeks ago, a peaceful settlement was reached.

The NSW branch, under the presidency of Bob Campbell, is now co-operating fully with Eric Worthington, the national director of coaching.

"All the old problems were openly discussed at a recent meeting," says treasurer Harry Rimmer.

"We also agreed on the coaching curriculum and aligned our projects to the national coaching scheme.

"We have Worthington's assistance in terms of availability and we're now moving in one direction."

Globe-trotter wants Sydney

Sydney soccer could gain a valuable new coach if globe-trotter Joseph Benczik decides to settle here.

This giant (195cm.), broad-shouldered former Hungarian first division player (Haladas) is on a look-see visit here from his present home in Manila.

"I have been in the Philippines for some two years, building up a business which I will continue in Australia," he said this week.

"I thought I could live without soccer. But I can't. So in Sydney I'd like to get back into the game again."

Benczik, 42, has been roaming the world since 1956 when he left Hungary.

His playing and then his coaching career took him to Belgium, Luxembourg, Spain and Venezuela.

In between he spent about three years in Wellington, New Zealand, as player-coach of the local "Hungaria."

In Spain he worked under Laszlo Kubala, in Belgium with Andras Beres; the former is the national coach of Spain now and the other in charge of the Belgian club Beer-schot.

A New Zealand citizen, Benczik feels he could make some contribution to Sydney soccer.

"I am not interested in a fulltime position as I have my business to look after," he said.

"All I want is to find an ambitious, progressive club where my experience could be useful."

Benczik can be contacted on 357 1840.

For the October-January period, several courses will be held: some 250 candidates will attend at Ku-ring-gai, Sutherland, Toongabbie, Picton, Manly, Shoalhaven and Illawarra.

Others are being planned for Orange, Parkes and Bathurst in the country.

Senior courses will be held in January at Wollongong and

Toongabbie.

Joe Vlasits is still the NSW director of coaching, working within the framework of the new deal.

Apart from Bob Campbell, the NSW Branch executives are Eric Arneil, secretary, Harry Rimmer, treasurer, John Jancek, vice president, Brian Want and Ron Svarc, committee members.

COSMOS TICKETS IN BIG DEMAND

The Victorian Federation have reason to be pleased with the arrangements they set up for the New York Cosmos' tour.

All stand tickets have been sold three weeks before the match.

Tour matches settled are v Victoria (Sunday, October 21 in Melbourne), v the Socceroos (Wednesday evening, October 21 in Sydney), and v

Newcastle KB United (Sunday, October 28 in Newcastle).

And now Adelaide are trying to join into the tour arrangements.

Adelaide City chairman Charlie Caruso came up with the suggestion and urgent representations have been made to the touring party to see if an extra game can be added.

FAIRY MEADOW ASKED TO JOIN

Fairy Meadow Soccer Club has been invited to join the NSW State League for 1980.

A second Wollongong club, Wollongong United, drew with North Sydney on second top points in First Division and might also be included.

Fairy Meadow play at the North Wollongong Police Boys Club ground, whilst Wollongong United this year shared Berkeley Sports Ground with the local Illawarra Premier League Club.

NSW may include some worthwhile country clubs in its First Division this year.

They are also bringing the Amateur Federation into closer touch with the seniors.

However, clubs generally see the need to bring in outsiders with expertise as well.

Their possibilities of progress in the age of television and other mass media must be improved.

New locations both in Sydney and the country must be unearthed where local pride and better soccer standards of play, administration and facilities are the essential ingredients.

To add to present moves, the top clubs and executive could well consider requesting Newcastle secretary Paul Trisley to address them on modern football management.

DOUBLE TO BEOGRAD

Beograd-Woodville clinched its first South Australian league and cup double with its 1-0 Coca Cola Cup final win over Cumberland United at Hindmarsh Stadium on Saturday.

Glen Wickstein ensured that Beograd's 30th anniversary year would be its most successful when he headed the winning goal in the 16th minute of the second half.

But Beograd had to survive a spirited late attacking burst from Cumberland before it ran its triumphant lap of honor.

The final represented United's last chance to win a 1979 trophy, but it was unable to reproduce the sustained, cohesion which earned it the league and Federation Cup double last season.

Coca Cola Cup final: Beograd-Woodville 1, Cumberland 0.

Goal: Beograd: Wickstein (61m). Best: Beograd: Urukalo, Wickstein, Attridge; Cumberland: Ball, Welsh, Evans.

— A. Crisp.

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LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

PEPSI STATE LEAGUE

Second grade: Bankstown (Jones, Rootsey and Roldan own goal) beat Melita 3-0.

Third grade: Manly (Gardner 2, Vale 2) beat Bankstown 4-0.

Second grade: Blacktown (Campbell) beat Sutherland (Bush) 4-3 on penalties.

Third grade: Sutherland (Wilson) beat Auburn 1-0.

DIVISION 1

First Grade:

Nth. Sydney v Sydney City 2-1
St. George v Wollongong 5-3

Second Grade:

Marconi v Revesby 5-1
St. George v Belmore 2-1

Third Grade:

Syd. Olympic v Marconi 0-1
St. George v Revesby 2-0 (after extra time).

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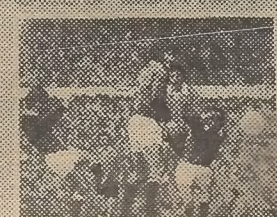
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SYDNEY TEAMS FAVORED IN PSL TOP FOUR

It's possible that the most crucial game in the Philips League Top Four round-robin will be played on Sunday at Marconi Stadium.

Marconi, the home team, will face their tormentors, Heidelberg, who took all four points from them in the 1979 championship games.

It would seem that the vastly experienced and extremely classy Heidelberg have found the formula to counter Marconi's virile, dashing style.

Heidelberg proved against Sydney City recently that they are masters of the counter-attacking game.

Some people claimed that all three Heidelberg goals came "against the run of play"—though the whole concept of modern soccer is built on just that.

Heidelberg are quite content to allow their opponents dominate the midfield and to press for long periods; they can break from these tight situations with astonishing speed and precision, a sort of lightning out of blue skies.

This is what Marconi will have to watch; as Jamie Paton and Gary Cole, running in a pair, tear the defence apart with one or two swift moves.

Marconi's main weapon, remains its explosive attack which, through sheer speed and perseverance, can build tremendous pressure on any defence.

The power and aggression of Mark Jankovics—the PSL's top scorer—has destroyed many a team in 1979.

Still, the battle will be won and lost by the two teams' midfield strategists: Rooney for Heidelberg and Vieri for Marconi.

Rooney is the better winner of the ball but Vieri's promptings are possibly more accurate.

There doesn't seem to be much class difference between the two defences.

There is little doubt that these are at present the two finest teams, in the Philips League and it's quite possible that, after the round-robin, they will finish in the top two positions and meet again in the two-legged final.

Brisbane City's presence in

the Top Four must have surprised many an expert; even a few weeks ago we would have given them only the slimmest of slim chances to make it.

However, they kept collecting points with such diligence and regularity that eventually they reached their target, ahead of more fancied rivals.

Now they will meet Sydney City at Perry Park, keen to prove that they intend to achieve more than just making up the numbers.

Coach Nereo Saftich has undoubtedly produced a supremely fit and confident team from the ashes of the one which had finished a sad last in 1978; a truly remarkable feat.

Brisbane City prefer to play it simple and straight, a lower division English style where everything is functional and transparent.

But this style, when played well, is hard to counter, as Sydney City will find out on Sunday.

The Sydneysiders appear to have lost a bit of their shine in recent matches and even their famous spirit could have suffered a dent or two.

Speculation about the possible departure of coach Gerry Chaldi, rumors about his clashes with some leading club officials over the disciplining of Terry Smith and then the much-publicised Boden-Trenter swap could have brought about some internal tension at the wrong time of the year.

Yet Sydney City's class is such that one cannot write them off as serious challengers.

They usually perform well in their interstate matches, having lost only once in 1979, to Footscray and having won both of their games in Brisbane.

Perry Park fans can be certain that Sydney City will play an entertaining and attractive type of soccer.

Whether that will also win them the match is another story—and something Brisbane fans won't insist upon at all.

LOWY SET TO BACK OUR OWN "COSMOS"

— By Keith Gilmour —

Preliminary arrangements for a Sydney-based Cosmos type operation are falling into place.

Sydney City chairman Frank Lowy this week threw his hat into the ring in support of a mammoth Cosmos-type club.

"On the personal level I completely favour the scheme," he told us this week.

"It is now time for us to get the message across to everyone."

"Once this happens many other business people and corporations are sure to come in, because the idea itself is so good."

"My influence and my resources will be available to get the project off the ground," he added.

Obviously in these early days Frank Lowy cannot be sure where Sydney City club might ultimately stand in such a huge venture.

At present he has the job of piloting the high standard, low crowd Sydney club to even greater success.

It does, however, require little imagination to see that Sydney City might end up being an integral part of the proposed \$2 million club.



Frank Lowy

And will Lowy himself prove to be the "Warner Brothers" of Australian Soccer?

One thing is sure. With his standing as joint managing

director of Westfield Ltd., he is in the position to be kingpin if he wants to.

It is certain that whilst the Cosmos are in Australia later this month Frank Lowy will be amongst the high level ASF and Philips League officials who will be canvassing every point of interest with the Cosmos management.

Those prepared to start getting an "Australian Cosmos" off the ground in Sydney see no clash with the 1981/82 aspirations of Parramatta Leagues Club.

Parramatta themselves want to become a super-club, complementing their huge Rugby League operation.

In a three-million population city with over 200,000 players and over 900,000 who know soccer well due to their overseas origins, two such operations are hardly excessive.

The question is fast becoming as to how many other sports organisations will want to come in once they realise soccer's true potential.

The entry of huge clubs into the soccer scene points to the certainty of high quality TV cover — something Australian soccer has so far not enjoyed at all.

An improved deal with the electronic media will rub

off to other clubs at both Philips League and State League level.

It is a case of those cosmic rays beaming the clubs into an entirely new era — one that could barely be comprehended when the PSL started three short years ago.

In three weeks time the sports fans, the business people and the media giants will be able to see the New York Cosmos set-up at close range, under Warner Communications control complete with the expertise of the International Artists organisation.

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PHILIPS CUP

ADELAIDE FIGHT-BACK

— From Allan Crisp —

This was a memorable Philips Cup final cast in the mould of the classics.

Too often, cup finals, because of the intense pressure they produce, fail to live up to expectations; this magnificent match provided a welcome exception.

The ingredients were there for all to savor — skill, courage and determination, capped by five classy goals.

Adelaide City are the crowned kings of SA soccer following their superb second half revival which earned them and their manager-coach, Rale Rasic, their first major Philips League honor.

The Sydney Saints held an iron-clad grip on the Cup when they led 2-0 after 48 minutes, but City stormed back to score three goals in an inspired 22-minute burst.

The Nyskohus brothers, Johnny and Bugsy, were the heroes of the great comeback, but the praise must be shared among all of the 13 players who contributed to City's finest hour and a half.

Praise, too, should be accorded to the gallant losers who battled manfully until the final whistle.

Rasic engineered the revival four minutes after St. George notched their second goal.

He replaced Chris Kent with Sergio Melta and two minutes after the substitution City scored their first goal.

Rasic gambled further five minutes later by substituting Jimbo Muir for John Besir and playing without a sweeper.

Within six minutes of that bold move City equalised and were back in the game.

The Saints were without Brendan Grosse (broken nose) and Rudi Gnavi (suspended), while the pre-match drama was heightened for City when skipper John Perin (thigh) joined Dixie Deans (suspended) on the unavailable list.

City midfielder Brian Northcote took his place in the starting line-up, aided by pain-killing injections before the kick-off and at half time, for a groin injury.

The home side ripped into frantic action from the start, as though their lives depended upon an early breakthrough.

The Saints were more composed with Doug Utjesenovic, Rudi Della Picca, George Harris and Robert O'Shea, defending constructively.

City turned on the pressure in the 12th minute as acting captain Johnny Nyskohus had a shot deflected over the crossbar by goalkeeper Mike Fraser and Gary Marocchi struck the bar as he attempted to lob Fraser.

Another drive by Johnny Nyskohus was tipped over the top by Fraser before City goalkeeper Peter Marshall cut out a great freekick from Utjesenovic.

Socceroo squad man, Phil O'Connor then headed wide of the goal from an accurate cross by Roy Cotton.

St. George grabbed the lead in the 21st minute when O'Connor applied the final headed touch after Della Picca rose majestically to nod Peter Katholos's corner kick goalwards.

The midfield continued to buzz with constructive activity as Northcote and teenager Katholos battled for supremacy.

Then City, desperate to level before the interval, saw Della Picca clear for St. George after a Marocchi piledriver hit Fraser.

Young Charlie Villani laid on a perfect pass for Kent eight minutes before the break, but the former South Melbourne winger blazed the ball over the goal from the penalty spot.

The half ended as Marocchi flashed a rising drive narrowly over the crossbar from an Agenor Muniz corner.

St. George increased their advantage three minutes into the second half with a brilliant goal by John O'Shea, who chested a right wing cross from Cotton before blasting an unstoppable volley past Marshall.

City's answering goal four minutes later was equally superb and emphatic as Johnny Nyskohus dived spectacularly to head a left flank cross by Glenn Dods into the net.

The arrival of big Jimbo Muir to the central striker spot gave City height in the box as he deftly flicked telling headers to his colleagues.

Bugsy Nyskohus then scored his second cup goal of the year when he executed a classic one-two with brother Johnny to spear the equaliser past Fraser.

The Kensington grandstand reverberated 14 minutes from full-time when Johnny Nyskohus shoved home the winner after Northcote wrong-footed Fraser with an unselfish pass to the diminutive striker.

ADELAIDE CITY 3(0)
ST. GEORGE 2(1)

Goals: 0-1 O'Connor (21m), 0-2 J. O'Shea (48m), 1-2 J. Nyskohus (54m), 2-2 B. Nyskohus (65m), 3-2 J. Nyskohus (76m).

ADELAIDE CITY: Marshall, Russell, B. Nyskohus, Besir, (Muir 59m), Dods, Villani, Muniz, Marocchi, J. Nyskohus, Northcote, Kent, (Melta 52m). Coach: R. Rasic.

ST. GEORGE: Fraser, Harris, Utjesenovic, Della Picca, R. O'Shea, Katholos, Mihajlovic, J. O'Shea, Fenoughy, Cotton, (Hensman 62m), O'Connor. Coach: R. Blanco.

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 7

Marconi v Heidelberg..... Marconi Stadium 3pm
Brisbane City v Sydney City..... Perry Park 3pm

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 14

Sydney City v Marconi..... Marconi Stadium 3pm
Heidelberg v Brisbane City..... Olympic Park 3pm

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 19

Heidelberg v Sydney City..... Olympic Park 8pm

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21

Brisbane City v Marconi..... Perry Park 3pm

ALL PSL PLAYERS OF 1979

Three players have the unique record of having never missed a single Philips League match: Marconi's Alan Maher and Paul Degney and Footscray's Jim Kondarios.

Two others, Peter Sharne of Marconi and Col Curran of Newcastle (previously Western Suburbs) have missed only one, while a further five have missed two: Henderson (Marconi/Canberra), Gaffney (Brisbane City), Potter (Brisbane City/Lions), Cole and Bannon (both Heidelberg).

The lists on these two facing pages show the number of appearances of players this year for their teams.

Asterisk * indicates that a player has appeared for more than just one club in the 1977-79 PSL period.

We have also compiled the aggregate three-season totals of all the players listed here.

Whether a player went through the whole 90 minutes or only part of it, it is shown as one appearance.

Not surprisingly, the most successful clubs have again tended to use less players: Marconi only 16, Heidelberg and Brisbane City 17 each.

Of all the clubs, West Adelaide's present squad has the most PSL experience, with a total of 875 appearances between them.

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Alan Maher



Paul Degney

MARCONI

	'79	'77-'79
Paul DEGNEY	26	78
Alan MAHER	26	78
Eddie KRNEVIC	26	26
Peter SHARNE	26	77
Tony HENDERSON *	25	76
Ivo PRSKALO	25	74
John RUSSELL	25	67
Gary BYRNE	24	60
Mark JANKOVICS *	23	69
Roberto VIERI	19	51
Mike BERRY *	17	23
Ken LINDSAY *	15	21
Peter BROGAN	14	23
Bert MARIANI	12	59
Stuart SELVAGE	3	15
Barry JONES	1	36

Players used in 1979: 16
Total '77-'79 PSL games: 833



Peter Sharne



Gary Cole, Heidelberg's consistent goal-getter, one of the team's chief weapons.

HEIDELBERG

	'79	'77-'79
Gary COLE	26	76
Jim TANSEY	26	71
Pat BANNON	25	76
Vjekoslav BANOVIC	25	25
Branko BULJEVIC	25	73
Jim ROONEY *	25	77
Jim CAMPBELL	24	69
Ken TAYLOR	23	69
Arthur McMILLAN	19	65
Bobby PROVEN	18	61
Andrew BOUZIKAS	16	61
James PATON	16	16
John YZENDOORN	16	16
Theo SELEMDIS	10	23
Jim O'REILLY	5	58
Mike MICEVSKI	3	21
Jim MARNER	1	8

Players used in 1979: 17
Total '77-'79 PSL games: 865

SYDNEY CITY

	'79	'77-'79
Murray BARNES	26	71
Todd CLARKE	26	54
Ian BRUCE	25	25
Ian SOUNESS	25	42
Steve O'CONNOR	24	69
John STEVENSON	24	74
Ernie CAMPBELL *	22	67
Joe WATSON	21	68
Adahlilton SILVA	20	70
Kevin MULLEN	17	63
Alan KERSHAW	16	31
Terry SMITH	16	50
Eddie THOMSON	13	54
Mark TRENTER	13	22
Cornelio BORGES	7	7
Gerardo GOMEZ	5	5
Jim PATIKAS	5	5
Jim WEBBER	2	2
Lloyd HARDES *	1	25
Dan MCGEOUGH	1	1
Marcos de A. SILVA	1	1

Players used in 1979: 21
Total '77-'79 PSL games: 806



John Stevenson



Azenor Muniz

NEWCASTLE

	'79	'77-'79
Roy DRINKWATER	26	51
Peter TREDINNICK	26	39
Ken BODEN	25	51
Col CURRAN *	25	77
Graham HEYS	24	24
Peter WILLIS	24	49
Malcolm McCLELLAND	22	22
Bill SUMMERSALES	20	45
Phil DANDO	19	45
Arno BERTOOGNA	15	15
Joe SENKALSKI *	15	51
John SNEDDON	15	25
Brett COWBURN	14	14
James PRESTON	9	9
Ian SEDDON	9	9
James PRESTON	9	9
Keith HARRIS	6	6
Kevin KEELAN	6	6
Craig MASON	6	32
James MCBREEN	6	5
David JONES	5	5
Neal ENDACOTT	2	19

Players used in '79: 21
Total '77-'79 PSL games: 600
(Newcastle joined in 1978 but some of their players appeared in 1977 for other clubs.)

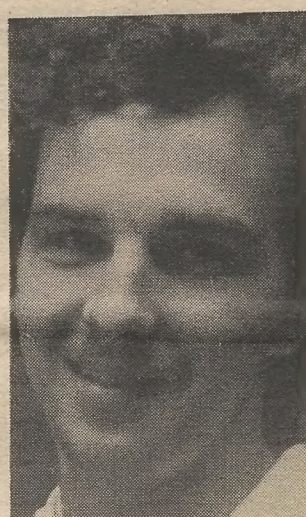


Cole Curran

BRISBANE CITY

	'79	'77-'79
Kevin LOW	26	26
Frank PIMBLETT	26	72
Ken WISHART	26	50
Barry KELSO	25	33
Georae POTTER *	25	76
Larry GAFFNEY	24	76
Steve PERRY *	24	74
David RATCLIFFE	23	28
Bill WILKINSON	23	23
Kevin CALDWELL	21	69
John COYNE	21	65
Roberto ECHEVERRIA *	15	60
Robert CAMPBELL	14	14
Mark BRUSASCO	11	14
Peter TOKESI	9	58
Ian RATHMELL	4	42
William CONNER	2	43

Players used in 1979: 17
Total '77-'79 PSL games: 823.



Frank Pimblett

ADELAIDE CITY

	'79	'77-'79
Glen DODS	26	26
Chris KENT *	26	56
Peter MARSHALL	26	53
Bogdan NYSKOHUS	26	57
Brian NORTHCOTE	25	75
John NYSKOHUS	25	73
John PERIN	25	74
Azenor MUNIZ *	22	61
Dixie DEANS	21	51
Bobby RUSSELL	20	20
Robert MARWE	14	30
John BESIR	13	39
Jimmy MUIR	13	25
Charles VILLANI	13	13
Gary MAROCCHI	9	42
Sergio MELTA	7	36
Rick MIGLIACCIO	1	1

Players used in 1979: 17
Total '77-'79 PSL games: 732

SYDNEY CITY STILL LEADS

Sydney City lead the parade after three years of Philips League.

On the aggregate, they are still ahead of Marconi by three points.

The worst record of the teams who have played in all

three seasons is that of Canberra.

This is the all-time PSL table (bonus points not included):

P W D L F A P

1. SYDNEY CITY.....	78	43	19	16	147	83	105
2. MARCONI.....	78	42	19	17	146	84	103
3. HEIDELBERG.....	78	35	23	20	122	103	93
4. ADELAIDE CITY.....	78	34	19	25	131	102	87
5. WEST ADELAIDE.....	78	34	18	26	108	90	86
6. APIA(West Suburbs).....	78	31	16	31	108	111	78
7. ST. GEORGE.....	78	25	23	30	103	115	73
8. BRISBANE CITY.....	78	29	14	35	97	114	72
9. BRISBANE LIONS.....	78	25	21	32	92	120	71
10. STH. MELBOURNE.....	78	25	19	34	98	110	70
11. FOOTSCRAY.....	78	24	17	37	94	119	65
12. OLYMPIC.....	78	23	19	36	83	111	65
13. CANBERRA.....	78	16	25	37	75	121	57
14. NEWCASTLE.....	52	17	19	16	76	70	53
15. MOOROOLBARK.....	26	5	5	16	31	61	15



Todd Clarke.

English League boss offers co-operation

Although it is a pity that no big soccer matches are scheduled whilst English Football League secretary Alan Hardaker is in Australia, some concrete gains have been made.

Victorian Soccer Federation chairman, Michael Weinstein has negotiated for two English teams to come to Australia each season, with arrangements to be made through the Football League.

If successful, this will get away from using travel agents to handle tours, a system that has not been particularly successful in recent seasons.

And two Victorian youngsters will be able to go to leading English clubs each year to absorb a more professional approach to football.

Hardaker's trip to Australia included a visit to the VFL final in Melbourne.

This was a return visit, in fact, in exchange for some VFL officials' attendance at the last FA Cup final.

Hardaker combined a study of football marketing with representatives of soccer and the other codes.

He has one week's break on Lindeman Island, before returning to Brisbane and Sydney and then home.

In 1944/45 he was in charge of the British Navy soccer team Golden Hind, which took Sydney by storm.

Included in its playing staff was Len Quedstedt, who later migrated to Australia, and famous Manchester United utility player Jack Aston.

— K. Gilmour.

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With this issue, we start our usual end-of-season summaries on the Philips League. Over the next few weeks we will publish—

- .Analysis of the two halves of the season;
- .Attendance figures of all clubs;
- .All-time PSL standings;
- .All the scorers of 1979—and their aggregate record since 1977;
- .The 1979 results on a State-basis;
- .Several other exciting features, tables and tabulations concerning the PSL season of 1979.

Don't miss any of these issues—they will provide a rare glimpse into our top-level soccer.

WEST ADELAIDE

	'79	'77-'79
David JONES	26	75
Martyn CROOK	25	72
Peter BOYLE	24	68
Graham HONEYMAN	23	62
Con KAMBAS	22	43
Ian MCGREGOR	22	69
Peter TYMCZYSHYN	22	41
John KOSMINA *	21	48
Graham NORRIS *	21	64
Barry REYNOLDS	18	67
Vic BOZANIC	14	39
Garie DOOLEY	15	15
David PILLANS	12	44
Alex ZERVAS	12	35
Nick PANTZARAS	10	22
Graham McCULLOCH	8	27
Neil McGACHEY	7	57
John BATCHELOR	4	7
Marcelino FERNANDEZ	4	4
Sam SERVICE	2	9
George KOULIANOS	1	6
Lovl PIVETTA	1	1

Players used in 1979: 22
Total '77-'79 PSL games: 875



Graham Norris

BRISBANE LIONS

	'79	'77-'79
Colin BENNETT	26	72
Jim HERMISTON *	26	72
Nigel LOWND	25	48
Ian LAWRIE	24	34
Tony BRENNAN	23	23
Paul ONTONG *	23	63
Alan HUGHES	22	57
Eddie SPEARITT	19	52
Barrie FAIRBROTHER *	17	47
Alan NIVEN	14	53
Craig WALLACE	14	14
Ron MILLMAN	12	12
John OGDEN	12	19
John RUSSELL	10	10
Paul LASLO	9	58
John LAVELLE *	9	33
Leon WILSON	9	36
William CONNER *	7	50
Steve AMOS *	6	50
Tom MCGREGOR	4	4
Craig LOW	2	2
Clark ANDERSON	1	1
Jeff DANN	1	1
Tony SCANLAN	1	1

Players used in 1979: 24
Total '77-'79 PSL games: 812

APIA *

	'79	'77-'79
Terry BUTLER	25	25
Peter WILSON	24	70
Ken REED	23	23
Greg WOODHOUSE *	23	33
Peter STONE	22	72
Brian O'DONNELL	21	47
Eric CARRUTHERS *	20	24
Rosario RAMPANTI	20	20
Warren TURNBULL	20	57
Jim DEMPSEY	17	17
Mark PULLEN	16	16
Rod SKELLERN	16	40
Robbie DREWS	14	16
Bobby MCGINN	14	14
Elwyn ROBERTS	13	13
John VERNON	10	28
Mark SAMUELS	8	17
Ian ROWDEN *	7	46
Ray RICHARDS *	5	40
Andy SCOTT *	4	34
Dave MCQUIRE *	3	12

Players used in 1979: 21
Total '77-'79 PSL games: 664
(For 1977-78, we calculated appearances for Western Suburbs.)



Former Soccerroo Colin Bennett, one of the mainstays of Brisbane Lions. Too old for a recall by Gutendorf?



Mirko Rujevic

FOOTSCRAY

	'79	'77-'79
Jim KONDARIOS	26	78
Joe PALINKAS	26	73
Zdravko LUJIC	25	48
Josip PICIOANE	25	75
Andrija RISTIC	24	36
Peter OLLERTON *	23	65
Zoran ILIOSKI	22	67
Steve POTTER	22	22
Slobodan JOVANOVIC	21	21
Mirko RUJEVIC	18	64
Igor HAZABENT	17	39
Mendo RISTOVSKI *	16	67
Radosav JOVICIC	15	15
Jim O'REILLY *	10	58
Dragan VASIC	5	30
Dennis BOLAND *	4	54
Zoran TODOROVIC	3	3
Vladko BELIC	1	2
Milutin CIRIC	1	1
John MARTIN	1	9

Players used in 1979: 20
Total '77-'79 PSL games: 827

ST. GEORGE

	'79	'77-'79
John O'SHEA	26	75
Robert O'SHEA	26	65
George HARRIS	25	73
Roy COTTON	23	23
Phil O'CONNOR	22	72
Rodolfo GNAVI	21	59
Doug UTJESENOVIC	21	51
Brendan GROSSE	20	70
Peter HENSMAN	20	51
Rodolfo DELLA PICCA	17	17
Peter KATHOLOS	14	14
Mike FRASER	15	15
Tom MIHAJLOVIC	13	13
Martin COE	11	11
Nick FENOUGHTY	11	11
Stefan MATIC	11	11
Neville MORGAN	11	59
Peter TERRY	6	31
Paul KAY	5	10
Mark BARTON	2	3
Nigel GROOME	1	1
Emery HOLMIK	1	9

Players used in 1979: 22
Total '77-'79 PSL games: 744



Mike Fraser

CANBERRA

	'79	'77-'79
John BROWN	26	70
Terry BYRNE	26	49
Steve HOSZOWSKI	26	26
Danny MOULIS	26	69
Jimmy CANT	23	66
John DAVIES	23	43
Isaac FARRELL	21	21
Milan MILOVANOVIC	21	37
Paul FIELDING	17	17
Roy STARK	17	60
Ivan GRUICIC	16	63
Keni KAWALEWA	16	34
Don McLAREN	13	13
Steven HOGG	10	44
Luis SALGADO	10	15
Ian CALLAGHAN	9	9
George BAILEY	8	8
Bernard LUSTICA	6	9
Jose ARQUERO	3	3
Harry WILLIAMS *	3	24
Philip REIS	2	3
Alan REIS	1	1
Brian STODDART	1	40
Kosta TALEVSKI	1	1

Players used in 1979: 24
Total '77-'79 PSL games: 725



Terry Byrne

SYDNEY OLYMPIC

	'79	'77-'79
Richard BELL	26	51
Peter RASKOPOULOS	26	37
Ken WILSON	26	52
Derek LAING	25	51
David MCINTOSH	25	67
Mike CROSS	23	74
Clive EATON *	23	73
Graham JENNINGS	20	20
Gary MEIER	19	68
Andrew SCOTT *	18	34
Ian ROWDEN *	17	46
Alan AINSLIE *	15	62
Alex JAMIESON	13	48
William PALMER	9	39
Peter WILSON	8	8
Ray BOTHAM	6	35
Paul COTON	4	6
George GIBSON	4	22
James MORRIS	4	4
Paul LUCKETT	3	43
Karim GHIASSI	2	2
John KARASPYROS	2	3
Mark KOUSSAS	1	1
Leo POULOS	1	1

Players used in 1979: 24
Total '77-'79 PSL games: 847



Dave McIntosh

SOUTH MELBOURNE

	'79	'77-'79
Stuart BAXTER	25	50
Alun EVANS	25	32
Bernie LUTTON *	25	65
George CHRISTOPOULOS	24	37
George CAMPBELL	23	37
Chris KALAFATIDIS	23	70
Alan DAVIDSON	21	21
Sam WRIGHT	21	45
Michael PYE	20	72
Duncan CUMMINGS	16	45
Ken DRAKEFORD	12	12
Peter LAUMETS	12	12
Frank MUNRO	9	14
Stephen CARR	8	8
Kyriakos KYRIAKOULEAS	8	10
Mendo RISTOVSKI	7	67
Dennis BOLAND *	5	54
Jack REILLY	5	39
John HANSEN	4	20
Steve KAKANTONIS	3	6
Peter SCARLETT	1	1

Players used in 1979: 21
Total '77-'79 PSL games: 717



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PSL CLUBS REVIEWED

NEW DEAL WORKED FOR BRISBANE CITY

— By Jim Binnie —

Brisbane City had their most successful campaign in Philips League during season 1979.

The reasons for this startling form reversal could be many and varied but it would be correct to begin in the "backroom", the place where many teams are either nurtured or destroyed depending on the performance of the power men behind the club.

City revamped their whole executive in the close season, new president Gino Merlo surrounding himself with business acumen and men with good contacts.

Sponsorship was quickly gained through Montrose Wines and Nereo Saffich was engaged as "coach" although it would be better to term the man "manager" as motivation is his true forte.

Players were secured to fill glaring weaknesses in a pool and whether by good design, or accident, all four new men were to prove catalysts in what many people had always known was the nucleus of a good team.

In George Potter they found the organiser who welded the back line together and with tough, no-nonsense David Ratcliffe he set up a formidable building base.

Steve Perry and new man Billy Wilkinson cut off the supply of crosses from the wings, balls that had been a constant source of worry in 1978.

In midfield John Coyne, an erstwhile front runner, matched tenacity and work-rate with non-stop dynamo Larry Gaffney, while the crafty Frank Pimblett, having his best season in Australia, supplied the finesse.

Canberra scouting

Canberra City coach Vic Fernandez and manager Max Talbot spent five days in New Zealand last week.

Fernandez said he was looking for several new players: a sweeper, stopper, midfielder and striker.

Adelaide City will play West Adelaide in the first leg of the \$5,000 Escort Cup series at Hindmarsh Stadium on Sunday. The second leg will be played at the Olympic Sports Field on October 14.

PSL DECISION ON SATURDAY

The fate of the nominally relegated South Melbourne and Sydney Olympic will be decided by the ASF executive in Sydney on Saturday.

The day before the League Committee will discuss the composition of next year's Philips League and make its own recommendations.

It seems certain that the Committee will strongly favor the retention of the two fallen Greek giants and the ASF will endorse this.

The odds against the admission of new members to the PSL have lengthened lately.

There is a growing view that none of the six applicants is quite ready for the costly plunge.

Possibly Wollongong may go closest to being admitted but even they have less than 50-50 chance.

Some ASF members admit that they would have been prepared to drop either Brisbane Lions or Footscray from the PSL as liabilities.

Lions attracted a total of 18,860 people to their 13 home matches this season—compared with their 38,000 last year and over 50,000 in 1977.

If neither Olympic nor South Melbourne is relegated, the PSL is likely to remain at 14 teams in 1980.

Vastly increased travel costs and the lopsidedness of a 15-team league are likely to persuade the executive to retain the status quo.

Last week the PSL screening committee heard submissions from all six applicants.

The members of the screening committee were Vic Tuting, Ian Brusasco and Paul Trisley.

The annual meeting of the PSL will also be held on Saturday.

On Sunday morning, the PSL will stage three simultaneous working sessions on administration, promotion and coaching matters.

All three sessions will be run as open forums. They will start at 9 am. at the Wynyard Travelodge, York Street.



Nereo Saffich, the under-rated coach who steered Brisbane City into the Top Four of the PSL.

Up front the crowd-pleaser Low paid his way with a bag of goals but the tall, rangy Kelso, who had been such a hot hand to begin with threatened much but delivered little, perhaps due to the fact that opposition players were now reading his strengths and weaknesses much better.

It was not until the arrival of Bobby Campbell that things began to happen up

front, but unfortunately it was not to last, as Saffich, unhappy at the lack of goals, began to experiment with

Echeverria, Coyne, Gaffney, Brusasco and Caldwell in various combinations.

The effects were disastrous and a team that had looked capable of winning Philips League suddenly found itself dependent on others to stay in the Top Four.

However, we in Brisbane should not complain. Who would have said three years ago that a Brisbane club side could finish among the best four teams in Australia, nevermind challenge for the title.

For that alone we should salute Brisbane City and be thankful.

MELBOURNE

It was fitting that the competitors in this year's Dockerty Cup final in Melbourne were the two teams who had tied at the top of State League this season with 30 points each.

Essendon won the championship on goal difference over Frankston City, and for 89 minutes it seemed that Frankston would take the Cup in consolation.

A 23 minute goal by Noel Mitten lifted the standard of play to a much faster pace, with Gilder-Murphy and Cumming pressing forward.

Time was running out for Essendon with only 30 seconds left when Tony Young slipped in the penalty box, leaving Tommy Cumming in possession to slide the ball to replacement Batonic who levelled the score in time.

Essendon applied pressure during the first 10 minute period of extra time with Frankston holding out strongly.

The brilliance of 'The Mighty Atom' Tommy Cumming then showed up to advantage and this rising Soccerero gave us a taste of timing when he pushed the winner on to Batonic after a magical solo run.

— J. Stephen.

Lions learnt bitter lesson

Brisbane Lions began the 1979 season on a sour note and kept on going until it was almost too late.

The club's problems appeared to begin with an "on-off" decision by the ASF who at first sanctioned the club using their own ground then dramatically about turned and said it had to be Perry Park.

Lions supporters, many of whom live at least 20 miles from soccer headquarters refused to travel to town and

the club, faced with massive liquidity problems in their huge organisation, embarked on a cost cutting program.

Successful coach Gyula Vincze was allowed to leave and player Eddie Spearitt was given his first coaching appointment.

The club was soon to learn that Philips League was no place for player-coaches with no experience and Spearitt, who had played such an important part in the club's 1978 run, soon became a shadow of his true self in the middle of the field.

With his playing influence waning and others apparently losing form, or interest, or both, the team stayed anchored in the lower reaches of the league table.

The board, always fair, continued to back Spearitt but eventually he resigned and Matt Carson, a local identity was appointed to do a saving job.

Carson, a lone somewhat aloof figure, had a dream start with an away victory in Canberra but then found his team shattered by Adelaide City and Marconi.

The man, honest to a T, admitted he had never dreamed such teams existed in Australian soccer (he hadn't seen a Philips League match in 1979) but he proved a quick learner and with a horribly decimated squad (Spearitt and Niven were badly injured) began to pick up points with hard fought draws and a few victories.

It is history now that the club cleared the dreaded relegation zone with room to spare and perhaps could have been excused for being happy.

However, "relegation fear" had served its purpose and behind the scenes activity began that will ensure next season will not be a repeat of last.

New faces are on the scene a new feeling is apparent as building projects get into gear and there is little doubt hard lessons have been learned in the Lions den.

— Jim Binnie.

SOCCER LADIES IN WAITING

Behind every great man stands a woman.....

From statesmen and emperors to soccer officials and players this statement holds true.

Behind the coaches, players and officials stand their wives, ready to back them up when the going gets tough, knowing that the game is an important part of their husband's life.

"The game is in his blood, and I understand that he needs it just as much as other men need smoking, gambling, collecting stamps or whatever," said Trish Malone, wife of Ku-ring-gai's coach Frank Malone.

This sums up the view of some wives of soccer men when their views on the game and their husband's part in it were sought.

You may think you - the fan - suffer enough when watching your team in action, but spare a thought for the women in soccer - the "soccer widows".

When a player is floored in a particularly heavy tackle look for the woman who covers her face in anguish - ten to one she is the player's wife!

The woman whose face is longer than that of the losing team's coach is almost certainly that of his wife, knowing she will face a tough battle to cheer him up while listening to his complaints about the shocking referee and the hopeless players.

Well, perhaps it isn't all that bad, but these "soccer widows" freely admit that total involvement in the game by their husbands does put a strain on family life.

"Family life does sometimes get affected," said Paula Dorian, wife of Arncliffe Scots' secretary Dave Dorian.

"As the kids grow older, family activities begin to clash.

"Dave has his soccer, and the kids have school outings, picnics and other things that they want to go to.

"At times it gets very hard," she said.

However, Paula admitted that they have learned to work around soccer, and no major crisis has yet been encountered - though she can see it happening.

"Quite frequently you feel like blurring out 'why do you have to go to soccer', but I suppose deep down you know that the game is a vital part of his life," Paula admitted.

"Men need their work, and they need some other outside interest as well.

"Soccer is an emotional outlet as well as being a challenge.

"I think all women with men involved heavily in the game must at some time or another have a moan, usually to other women with the same problem!

"It's only natural, with the game taking attention away from the family.

"But I know I face up to the problem, and if his going to soccer means so much, then we all go - kids as well," Paula said.

It is either that, or having the family divided for a whole day, with him away at soccer, and us at home."

A similar attitude was expressed by Margaret Peck, wife of Bankstown's PR man Stan Peck.

"I have become involved in the club as well, mainly because of Stan's involvement," she said.

"My family was a soccer one, so I have some affinity with the game.

"Most wives I know regret their husband's involvement with the game, taking up so much time as it does.

"But we have learned to work our lives around soccer.

"The weekend during the season is for sport, and social activities have to be worked around the soccer draw," she said.

"I think you have to be a very organised person to be the wife of a soccer official, otherwise you really would build up a resentment of the game."

Marian Abonyi's passion for the game is almost as high as that of Atti's, the player-coach of Croatia.

"I have hardly missed any of his games, and I think the only time I did was when I gave birth," Marian said.

"I love him playing the game, and I think when he finally does decide to give away the playing side I will be more disappointed than him.

"It is something that he so obviously enjoys that it would be impossible for me to resent it.

"Oh, it can be hard at times, especially when he used to go overseas on long trips.

"But when that happened, I would just pack up my bags and go home to mum in Melbourne with the kids.

"I just couldn't stand being alone in Sydney when he was away.

"Our social life isn't all that affected.

"I think most soccer women will tell you they just work things around training and matches," she said.

"You accept those things as normal, and although you occasionally may curse missing some event because of a training session, in the end it all works out," she said.

"It can be demanding, but I think we all just accept it," agreed Trish Malone.

"After all, when I married Frank I knew he was wrapped up in the game.

"You can sense his deep involvement and love of it, and it would be pointless and potentially dangerous to try and make him give it up.

"I enjoy going along and watching, and although I don't fully understand the game yet I can see what it means to Frank.

"Wives can play an important part in their husband's life in soccer I feel.

"I think I can be an A1 diplomat when necessary.

"If the team loses, and he needs a sounding board, I can be that.

"When he needs someone to lean on when he is angry, I can support him."

Trish raised an interesting point, in that the wives can be used as 'sounding boards' by their husbands, for ideas and views.

"It is inevitable that the women get 'ear-bashed' by their husbands," said Paula Dorian.

"Dave is an ideas machine," she said.

"He talks to me constantly about soccer, throwing ideas at me.

"I am a more conservative person than he is, and would never go as far ahead as he would on some project, so I tend to balance out his go-ahead attitude.

"He often listens to what I say, then he comes to a conclusion and tries to implement that.

"I think it would be impossible to live with a soccer man and not talk about the game.

"I know that some of my ideas may be a little simplistic, but more times than not they strike a chord," she said.

Finally we asked the wives what sort of a season this has been for their husbands.

All agreed that it was always a tough year, but to

some there were additional problems.

"Dave has had tougher soccer seasons, but with the addition of outside problems I think this was one of the hardest years for him," said Paula Dorian.

"Admittedly, the relegation worry was hanging over our heads for a long time and that did little to relieve the pressures.

"Next year he won't be club secretary, but his involvement with the club will just be as strong I expect," she said.

Trish Malone felt that the season wasn't any harder on the family, though for Frank it was an obviously greater task.

"I sensed that he was aiming for a top four place in his initial year in State League, even though we really didn't talk all that much about it.

"He was satisfied in a way, though, because critics who said we would drop straight back down were made to eat their words," she said.

Marian Abonyi felt the year was hard due to the fact that Atti had to combine work, playing and coaching.

"It becomes a physical strain for him at times, and makes you marvel even more that he can still play so well," she said.

I think the best way to finish would be to give Trish Malone the last word.

"We may all moan a bit, but now the soccer season is over I won't know what to do with him on weekends and evenings - at least I knew where he was on training nights and match days.

"Perhaps I will start to look forward to the new season just like him".

— S.D.

Marconi's draw in Wellington

Marconi and Mt. Wellington played out a hard-fought 1-1 draw last week.

The star-studded Marconi side, as the Philips League Champions, went into the game as favourites and when they went ahead in just the fifth minute, it looked as though victory would be a matter of course.

But the home side had other ideas as they brushed aside that early setback and gradually clawed their way back.

The match was played on a hard, and in places bumpy, pitch under floodlights before a 4,500 crowd.

Mt. Wellington goalkeeper, Sandy Davie, pulled off three or four superb saves in the face of pressure from Marconi's international striking pair, Mark Jankovics and Ed-die Krncevic.

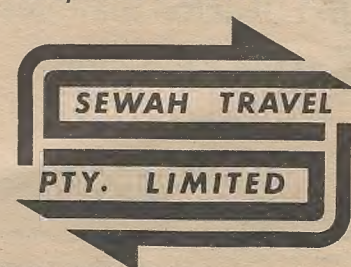
Marconi's Paul Degney, opened the scoring when he loomed up at the far post to find space to whip home from an acute angle.

Mt. Wellington's retaliatory goal by midfielder Bill de Graaf in the 35th minute followed a period of intense pressure. Fed the ball, de Graaf pounded it high and wide past the dive of keeper Allen Maher.

Scoring chances were few and far between in the second spell.

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Dubious penalty saves champions

Inter Monaro provided much tougher opposition for champions Croatia than most critics had thought they would.

No one team dominated this match, with periods of superiority fluctuating between the green and black warriors from Queanbeyan and the red shirted title holders from Sydney.

Monaro were content to play a counter-attacking game.

They broke quickly, using lightning fast double-passes to create space for the front runners Trajanoski and Valeri.

Most times the passing was broken up by the Croatia back line, but when it clicked there was danger for Croatia.

Croatia's attack on the other hand looked surprisingly flat.

Occasionally Kovacic would do something spectacular, or Cootes and Sullivan would menace down the flank, but otherwise their midfield probings didn't lead to any clear cut chances.

Monaro playing without the benched Giampaolo, opened the scoring after 18 minutes when one of their incisive attacks cut a gaping hole in the middle of the Croatia defence allowing Valechi Trajanoski to send a loping shot over Steve Watson.

Two minutes later Tony Morsello could have made it one more, but he shot wide after receiving a deflected pass from captain Alan Bourke.

Controversy, which was to plague the game, struck after 26 minutes when what looked like an obstruction on Atti

Abonyi inside the penalty area by Bobby Noble was ruled a penalty by referee Peter Rampley.

Abonyi, never one to waste a golden chance like a spot-kick, whipped it away into the corner to make the score 1-1.

For a while it looked as if Abonyi was going to weave his magic for his side, when after 34 minutes he pulled a delightful shot on the run back onto the far post.

Alas, it was not to be and mysteriously he faded just when his team needed him most.

Marijan Kovacic had a goal ruled off-side, then hit the cross bar, while young Wayne Cootes missed the chance of the match, crashing a shot onto the cross bar from two metres after a brilliant run from Marijan Kovacic.

Referee Rampley had one of his rare shockers, making some amazing decisions while both linesmen looked unsure and hesitant.

Extra time only saw players dropping like flies with cramp, and both teams looked content to fight it out another day.

CROATIA: Watson, A. Kovacic, Mullen, Basic, Smith, G. Cagali, Sullivan, (Rezzo 105m), Savor, Abonyi, M. Kovacic, Cootes.

MONARO: Palec, Crawford, Charles, Noble, O'Neil, Falzon, Santolin, Bourke, Trajanoski, Valeri, Morsello.

Referee: P. Rampley; Crowd: 4170.

— S.D.

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SHARKS MAY TAKE SUNDAY FINAL

— By Keith Gilmour —

Sutherland timed their return to big match form to perfection but Sunday's opponents - Monaro or Croatia - will extend them fully.

Despite rumours that the Sharks will lose four key players to Philips League clubs, they are playing as a unit as never before.

It was so typical of their best work last Sunday when their ex-Socceroo coach John

Watkins came out towards the end to bind the defence and ensure the minor semi-final win over a convincing Blacktown City.

Three of their younger brigade, Craig Hall, Steve Meades and Keith Schumann are in tremendous touch.

Last Sunday's exciting major semi-final draw leaves Croatia and Monaro to battle it out midweek.

The loser goes into Sunday's final against Sutherland.

Their degree of problem depends upon the extent to which they avoid injury in the replay.

Atti Abonyi's Croatia must be favoured to enter directly into the grand final.

Their big "if" is to have Walter Savor and Wayne Cootes back to their very best.

Both looked slightly jaded in Sunday's game after showing splendid touch in the opening 15 minutes.

Without their return to form the premiers will find it difficult in spite of Atti Abonyi's match winning abilities.

Monaro will have Sebastian Giampaolo in the team. Coach Frank Maccarone dropped him without any compunction at the weekend for disciplinary reasons.

Whether it is Sutherland v Monaro or Sutherland v Croatia, either set shapes as a game worth travelling many miles to see.

PM CUP

Newcastle won the Prime Minister's Cup by beating Canberra 2-0, after drawing the first leg 2-2 in Newcastle.

Newcastle started well and in the 11th minute Tredinnick volleyed the ball into the roof of the net from a Heys cross.

In the lively second half, Canberra often took the initiative.

However, Drinkwater reigned supreme in his goal area.

Terry Byrne could have made it 1-1 but his shot hit the underside of the crossbar.

Newcastle always seemed to be dangerous in the counter-attacks and with only four minutes remaining, Heys calmly slotted home a shot after a great run.

The attendance was about 1400.

— P. Kunz

NSW FIRST

— By Charles Spiteri —

ST. GEORGE 5
WOLLONGONG 3

Goals: Groome (3), Duarte, Skeen; Vuchitovski (2), Vasquez.

In last weekend's semifinals St. George beat Wollongong 5-3 in a top game of exciting soccer at Marconi Oval while North Sydney downed Sydney City 2-1 in another tight game at Francis Park.

Nigel Groome, playing one of his best games this season, scored a tremendous hat-trick which is quite rare in semifinal football.

Although St. George seemed to hold a slight edge over the opponents, Wollongong fought tooth and nail all the way.

The 'Gong opened the score in the 10th minute by P. Vuchitovski but the lead was shortlived as the Saints came forward and the skilful Denis Duarte rounded the goalkeeper to score the equaliser.

With play see-sawing at both ends, Nigel Groome struck, scoring two goals in two minutes, one from a penalty in the 30th minute and another two minutes later with a solo effort that left the Wollongong defence stranded.

Groome completed his hat-trick one minute before the break when again he raced through the defence before slamming the ball into the net past goalkeeper Peter Terziouski.

After the interval, both teams made changes and Wollongong came out fighting trying to salvage the game. Their centre-forward Vasquez scored in the 55th minute to get his team back in to the game.

ST. GEORGE: Wotton, Skeen, M.O'Shea, Holmik, Clarke, Dale, Kay, Groome, Duarte (Townsend), Barton, Fraser.

WOLLONGONG: P. Terziouski (Bizimovski), Montecchi, Traicevski, Campbell, Talevski (Petrovski), M. Terziouski, Daskovski, Vuchitovski, Vasquez, Sattin, Jirsa.

NORTH SYDNEY 2
SYDNEY CITY 1

Goals: O'Rourke, Leyden; M. Silva.

At Francis Park, North Sydney had to come from behind to beat Sydney City.

The first half which was scoreless, was mainly fought in midfield with very few shots at goals from either side.

However, City broke the deadlock seven minutes in the second half when Gerardo Gomez sent a floating cross in the middle for Marcos Silva to hit first time into the net past Lilli.

Within 10 minutes Norths were on level terms when a high lob in the goalmouth by John Walker was pushed out by Pezzano to the feet of Jim O'Rourke who smashed it past him into the net.

A few minutes later, Norths go the winning goal through Frank Leyden who was fouled in the penalty area and netted from the spot.

NORTH SYDNEY: Lilli, Walker, Matheson, Miller (Martin), Falchi, Henratty, Martinuzzi, (Maiorana), Mitchell, Leyden, A. Bottalico, O'Rourke.

SYDNEY CITY: Pezzano, McGrouther, Sarge, Rogers, Gomez, Webber, Patikas, Silva, Dickson (Illingworth), Borges, Svyenos (Miladinski).

SUTHERLAND v BLACKTOWN 3-2

SUTHERLAND WAS JUST TOO FAST

Those who watched this match with a Philips League yardstick must have been somewhat disappointed.

The standard of the game was modest and the small crowd a sad reflection on the drawing power of two of our most successful district clubs.

Sutherland looked the sharper, faster and keener from the very start — and yet it was Blacktown that shot in to the lead.

In the 28th minute a header was lobbed into the Sutherland goalmouth and while three defenders and the goalie contemplated the best course of action, Fisher — surely a PSL material — nipped in and rolled the unwanted ball into the net.

In their first serious retaliatory action four minutes later, Sutherland went close but Meades' close-range shot was well saved by James.

Then, just before halftime, yet another defensive blunder allowed Fisher to take a clear shot at goal but the ball sailed wide.

After the interval Sutherland quickly gathered their wits and made sure they were the survivors in this sudden-death confrontation.

In the 52nd minute a fine move ended with Beggs laying on a shot for Basterfield and he couldn't miss from five metres.

The floodgates were about to be opened. In the 65th minute Sutherland were in the lead.

Wykes ran up on the right flank, found Hall whose low cross was perfectly volleyed home by Meades.

Then, with 10 minutes to go, the issue was put beyond any doubt.

Basterfield took a corner with his superbly intelligent

left foot, curved it in and there was little Harrington to crash in a glancing header.

A flare-up was all that Blacktown was allowed: in the 84th minute Ortega's shrewd lob dipped over the stranded Craggs for the final score.

And a minute later Fisher missed in the goalmouth...

Although the standard was overall not very encouraging, both teams have players who could well be appearing in the PSL.

While complicated and expensive searches go on overseas and interstate for new players, Sydney PSL clubs clearly overlook such very useful talents as Schuman, Meades, Hall, Beggs and Basterfield from Sutherland and the young Fisher from Blacktown.

Apart from these, the two goalies, Wykes, Ortega and Harding gave sound performances.

Sutherland still have a fair way to go to reach their 1978 end-of-season form.

As for Blacktown City, they have far too many weak points for a team with serious PSL aspirations.

SUTHERLAND: Craggs, Hesford, Wykes, B. Smith (Watkins 66m), Dal Forno, Schuman, Hall, Meades (Stoddart 84m), Beggs, Basterfield, Harrington.

BLACKTOWN CITY: James, Pena, Taylor, Pointer, Parkhouse, Hormazabal, Harding, Fisher, Izatt, Thompson (B. de Vale 73m), Pearson (Ortega 22m).

Referee: D. Rennie; Crowd: 1782.

— A. Dettre.

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WORLD NEWS



Guide to 'Calcio' '79



Juventus fullback star Cabrini, one of the greatest prospects in Italian soccer and already a World Cup veteran,

The Italian championship started earlier this month and experts are predicting a major battle for top honors between AC Milan and Juventus, with possibly AC Torino and Inter Milan also having a say.

During the off-season, several stars changed clubs. Among the most notables: Bellugi of Bologna to Napoli, Benetti of Juventus to Roma, Boninsegna of Juventus to Verona, Damiani of Genoa of Napoli, Rossi of Vicenza of Perugia and Savoldi of Napoli to Bologna.

For the benefit of those readers who follow top Italian soccer, here are the ideal line-ups of the teams, in 4-4-2 formation, with their coaches:

ASCOLI: — Pulici — Anzivino, Gasparini, Scorsa, Boldini — Perico, Scanziani, Moro, Bellotto — Anastasi, Lori. — Coach: Fabbri.

AVELLINO: — Piotti — Romano, Cattaneo, Di Somma, Beruatto — Valente, Massa, Tuttino, M. Piga — De Ponti, Bozzi. — Coach: Marchesi.

BOLOGNA: — Zinetti — Spinozzi, Bachlechner, Perego, Castronaro — Paris, Mastropasqua, Colomba, Dossena — Petrini, Savoldi. — Coach: Perani.

CAGLIARI: — Corti — Lamagni, Canestrari, Brugnera, Longobucco — Bellini, Casagrande, Quagliozzi, Marchetti — Gattelli, Piras. — Coach: Tiddia.

CATANZARO: — Mattolini — Sabadini, Groppi, Menichini, Ranieri — Braglia, Nicolini, Orazi, Majo — Chimenti, Palanca. — Coach: Mazzone.

FIorentina: — Galli — Leij, Zagano, Galbiati, Tendi — Di Gennaro, Orlandini, Antognoni, Restelli — Sella, Pagliari. — Coach: Carosi.

INTER.MILAN: — Bordon —

Canuti, Mozzini, Bini, G. Baresi — Caso, Pasinato, Orioli, Beccalossi — Actobelli, Muraro. — Coach: Bersellini.

JUVENTUS: — Zoff — Cuccureddu, Gentile, Scirea, Cabrini — Prandelli, Causio, Tavola, Tardelli — Bettega, Fanna. — Coach: Trapattoni.

LAZIO: — Cacciatori — Pighin, Manfredonia, Wilson, Citterio — Zucchini, Montesi, D'Amico, Nicoli — Garlaschelli, Giordano. — Coach: Lovati.

AC MILAN: — Albertosi — Collovati, Bet, F. Baresi, Maldera — De Vecchi, Bigon, Novellino, Buriani — Antonelli, Chiodi. — Coach: Giacomini.

NAPOLI: — Castellini — Bruscolotti, Ferrario, Caporale, Tesser — Guidetti, Agostinelli, Improta, Filippi — Damiani, Spegginor. — Coach: Vinicio.

PERUGIA: — Malizzia — Nappi, Della Martira, Frosio, Ceccarini — Butti, Bagni, Casarsa, Dalfiume — Calloni, P. Rossi. — Coach: Castagner.

PESCARA: — Piagnerelli — Ghedin, Prestanti, Pellegrini, Chinellato — Boni, Nobili, Cerilli, Repetto — Silva, Cinquetti. — Coach: Angelillo.

ROMA: — P. Conti — Maggiora, Santarini, Turone, Amenta — Benetti, B. Conti, Di Bartolomei, De Nadai — Pruzzo, Ancelotti. — Coach: Liedholm.

TORINO: — Terraneo — Volpati, Danova, Carrera, Salvadori — P. Sala, Pecci, Zaccarelli, C. Sala — Graziani, Pulici. — Coach: Radice.

UDINE: — Paleari — Fanesi, Riva, Fillet, Catellani — Leonarduzzi, Del Neri, Bilardi, Pin — De Bernardi, Ulivieri. — Coach: Orrico.

World Cup draw made next week

FIFA will prepare the draw for the 1981 World Cup group elimination matches next week in Zurich.

A total of 103 countries have nominated before the deadline. From Oceania, the entrants are Australia, New Zealand, Fiji and, surprisingly enough, China.

Asia has 16 teams entered: Bahrain, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Japan, South Korea, North Korea, Kuwait, Malaysia, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Singapore, Syria and Thailand.

It's odds on that Israel's presence will create the traditional fuss among the Arabs: they will demand Israel's withdrawal or shift to another area but FIFA is unlikely to be impressed.

Why China has been put in the Oceania group is a mystery. At least we can now claim that the combined population of the Oceania entrants exceeds 1,000 million people...

As so often in the past, one of Asia's best soccer countries, Burma has declined to enter.

Australia, together with the other Oceania countries, could well form a preliminary first round group.

However, after that the winner is certain to be lumped together with winners of the various Asian sub-groups in the second round.

It's very early days to speculate on the outcome of the group matches.

If Iran will have managed to put its house in order after the recent political disturbances, they will start as favorites for one of the two spots allocated to Asia-Oceania in the 1982 finals in Spain.

For the other place Australia, the two Koreans, Israel and Iraq will strive with an almost equal chance.

Provided, of course, that we get past the Chinese and New Zealand hurdles.

ASF president Sir Arthur George will travel to Zurich next week to attend the draw.



Italian ace Paolo Rossi (right).

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OVERSEAS BRIEFS

• It didn't take him long: Johan Cruyff, now playing for the Los Angeles Aztecs, has become the player of the year in the USA: The "North American" (locally born) player of the year title went to Cosmos' young starlet Ricky Davis.

• Juventus' international defender Antonello Cuccureddu resents sitting on the team's reserve bench and is likely to ask for a transfer.

• "I will be back in action before the end of the year," says Sepp Maier, the veteran West German international goalie, now on the mend after a serious car accident.

• Bypassed since the World Cup of 1978, Rangers' Sandy Jardine has been recalled in the Scotland team by manager Jock Stein — and also made its captain at once.

• While in Berlin for their friendly match against West Germany, most of the Argentinian players bought color TV sets which back home are much dearer and inferior in quality.

• Ron Atkinson, West Brom's manager has suggested in an interview that England manager Ron Greenwood shouldn't consider players for the national side who are now abroad — not even Kevin Keegan.

• Dave Watson, the ex-England stopper, who was expelled in his second match for the German Bremen, received an eight-week suspension.

• And there is another Kevin in England: he is Kevin Reeves, 19, of Norwich, hailed as a future star following his brilliant game for the England youth team against Denmark at Watford.

• The English Football League has pushed out the compulsory retirement age of referees from 47 to 48.

• Colin Viljoen, former England international, squeezed out of Manchester United following the signing of Daley, has asked for a transfer.

• Kaiserlautern's German striker Toppmoeller had to undergo cartilage operation recently.

• Uruguay beat Ecuador only 2-1 in Montevideo in the South American Cup.

• More than 100,000 fans in Belgrade saw Yugoslavia beat Argentina 4-2, mainly through the brilliance of central striker Susic. It was also the farewell game of ex-international Dzajic. Argentina played without Maradona and with only two of their 1978 world champion side.

• Italian soccer could sure do with Rudi Gutendorf's bonus point encouragement: in the first round seven of the eight matches ended in draws, five of them 0-0 and a total of six goals were scored by the 16 teams.

• A Colombian newspaper has made the sensational charges that in last year's World Cup final all except one (Juan Munante) of the Peruvian players received \$45,000 each for letting Argentina win by the margin needed to manager Claudio Coutinho, who insisted all along that Peru had thrown the match, is now demanding a FIFA inquiry into the matter.

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